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REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that that Claims 3, 4, and 11, would be allowable if rewritten to include each claims limitations and the limitations of any intervening claims.

Therefore, the Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the limitations of cancelled Claim 3¹.

This, according to the Examiner, will render currently amended Claim 1 as allowable.

Currently Amended Claims 4 and 11 depend on the allowable currently amended Claim 1.

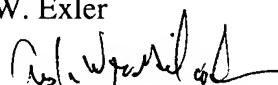
Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that the patent application and the claims, as amended, therein are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Applicant would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call should the Examiner have any questions or comments with respect to this response or the claim language.

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¹ The Applicant has made other minor amendments to Claims 1 and 3 so that that claims comply with 35 U.S.C. 112.